

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-04

INFO OCT-01 ARA-06 ISO-00 OMB-01 SS-15 IGA-02 TRSE-00 MC-02  
ACDA-07 EB-08 /046 W  
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R 142010Z FEB 77  
FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9417

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, MASS, PA  
SUBJ: PARAGUAY CANCELS PLANS TO PURCHASE ISRAELI ARAVA 201  
AIRCRAFT

REF: ASUNCION A-3

1. THE GOP APPARENTLY HAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE  
INDEFINITELY THE PURCHASE OF SIX ARAVA 201  
AIRCRAFT DESCRIBED IN THE MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR  
DECEMBER (SEE REFAIR). RUMORS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT  
WHICH REACHED THE EMBASSY DURING THE FIRST WEEK  
IN FEBRUARY, HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY RECENT PRESS  
REPORTS.

2. NO REASONS HAVE BEEN OFFERED FOR THE DECISION  
WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WAS MADE PERSONALLY BY PRESIDENT  
STROESSNER, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED THE PURCHASE.  
SOME INFORMED SOURCES BELIEVE HE RELUCTANTLY CAME  
TO THE CONCLUSION THAT PARAGUAY COULD NOT AFFORD TO  
BUY THE AIRCRAFT WITHOUT RAISING NEW TAX REVENUES;  
A POLITICALLY INADVISABLE MOVE AT THIS TIME.  
OTHERS HAVE HINTED HE OBJECTED TO OVERLY HIGH  
LEVELS OF GRAFT AND PAYOFFS ENGINEERED INTO  
THE CONTRACT. ONE NEWSPAPER POINTEDLY NOTED  
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WITHOUT COMMENT THAT THE ANNOUNCED TOTAL PRICE  
OF DOLLARS 7,576,677 IS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF  
THE COMPONENT PACKAGES, WHICH ADD UP TO EITHER  
DOLLARS 6,783,667 OR DOLLARS 6,987,295 SINCE IT  
IS NOT CLEAR IF DELIVERY CHARGES ARE INCLUDED IN  
THE FIRST FIGURE. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT  
THE MONEY UNACCOUNTED FOR COULD REPRESENT AMMUNITION

FOR THE ARMS PACKAGES BOUGHT FOR EACH PLANE.

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